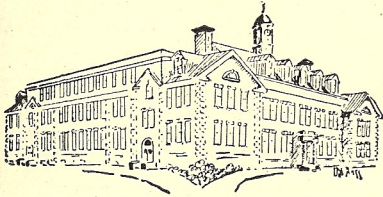


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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### A True Scene of the Polar Sea

Were you ever in fairy-land, not a land where tiny feet danced over flowery beds, but one where thousands of pearly icicles were pendent from every shrub,—where the glaciers glistened in the long, long twilight of that far off land, which, to our first vision seemed like the glittering stars of unbounded space so distant, yet so enveloped in mystery and beauty? Then you can form some idea of the enchanted region where the great seaman, Dr. Grenfell, guided his vessel amid the drifting icebergs of the Polar Sea.

Even though poets write about different "lands of dreams," they cannot compare with the one he pictures before him in which our fancies find play.

Everything seems cold, yet we get warmer as we follow the windings and boundings of the little vessel in its ice-bound home, now in the deep blue sea, then encased in its shining surroundings of glistening icebergs.

No tales of "Arabian Nights" ever equaled the thrilling events enacted amid these floating giants of the deep, no Moorish legends ever rivalled in description the daring exploits of these bold adventurers.

But my powers of description fail to portray the beauty of these snowy shrubs and moonlit mountains of ice, caves and caverns and glistening glaciers. One must see these natural wonders made by Him who reigns above and say in wonder "Thou hast made them all."

### A Request from Roslyn

To the Students of the Port Washington High School:

The seniors of the Roslyn High School are giving their annual play December 10 and 11, in the auditorium of the new High School. The play is "Billy" one of the most popular comedies of the season. A laugh a minute is guaranteed to all who attend.

Let's have a crowd from Port Washington!

Tickets are \$50, \$.75 and \$1.00.

Roslyn Senior Class '27

## The New Entrance

How many of you have noticed the entrances that have been installed near Main Street? What a foolish question this is since the most of us have been forced to walk far around their obstructions for the past week.

Nevertheless, these two gates are to serve a very noble purpose. One is to be the exit and the other the entrance for our new parking grounds. Now the little "clay carts" will all have a real place to park, with no crowded quarters or any other difficulties. And, moreover they will no longer be crowded about the dignified threshold of our school, but will soon be drawn up in proper order on the outskirts of the campus.

## A Southern Trip

Doris Alford, member of the Senior Class, has just returned from an extended trip to Florida, on board the yacht Riposo. She stopped at all the important places along the coast, and had many interesting experiences. Perhaps later an account of her trip which will be possibly printed in the "Port Weekly."

## Junior High School Play

A play, "The Three Thanksgivings," was given by the members of the Junior High School Wednesday morning. The play was introduced by Thomas Louie as the "Spirit of November" and Leo Lanman as "True Romance." The play opened with the "Anyone Family" in their living room. The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Anyone ..... Katherine Krebs  
Mr. Anyone ..... Marshall Johnson  
Peggy, their daughter

Winifred Croucher  
Ethel, another daughter ... Lily Slade  
Tom, their son ..... Roger Enscoe  
Cora, the maid ..... Anna Holder  
Sally, the seamstress

Priscilla Burgess  
Douglas, the dog ..... Louis Kent  
Thanksgiving Past

Margaret Wysong  
Thanksgiving Present

George Knowles  
Thanksgiving Future... Louise Kraft  
Mrs. M. T. Heart ..... Ruth Miller  
Lord Ab Domen ..... Elmer Hulst  
Miss High Liver ..... Janet Mackie

The play was greatly enjoyed by the Junior High and their visitors.

## The Youngest

Last Friday evening "The Youngest," a three-act comedy by Philip Barry was presented by the students of Port Washington High School for the benefit of the Port Light fund. Quite a crowd braved the sudden snow storm to witness the comedy, which caused them to forget about the bad weather and claimed their entire attention and interest for the evening.

The cast was as follows:

Charlotte Winslow, the mother

Helen Leyden

Oliver, the oldest son

Douglas Miller

Mark, the dapper son

Robert Thoman

Augusta, the cynical sister

Cynthia Newman

Alan, the brother-in-law

Herman Stuetzer

Martha, the fun-loving sister

Jean Dutton

Richard, the much-oppressed

youngest ..... Ernest Langley

Nancy Blake, the charming guest

Helen Hotopp

Katie, the maid ..... Louise Petersen

Each member of the cast played his particular role with highly commendable control and enjoyment. Special mention is due to the work of Ernest Langley in his careful and admirable interpretation of the difficult part of Richard, "The Youngest." Throughout the whole there was evident the spirit of teamwork which has come to be considered an outstanding characteristic of Port's productions.

The cast was assisted by "Mr. Puss," Bob Enscoe's cat, and "Pat," Ward Duffield's dog. Each had evidently caught the spirit of the occasion and conducted his part with pleasing ease.

The stage set represented the porch of the Winslow home. One side of the set was flanked by boxwood trees and the other by huge ferns. Wisteria and vines decorated the house wall, and grass and low flowering plants bordered the porch.

Donald MacVicar was stage manager with William Newland as assistant. John Persson was property manager, and John Mange his assistant. Too much credit can not be given to those boys and to others who lent them a helping hand.

Between the acts musical selections were most pleasingly played by the High School orchestra with Mr. Dimmick conducting.

Beautiful bouquets were presented to the girls in the cast and in appreciation of Miss Gaylord's work as director a handsome bouquet was presented to her with hearty congratulations.

After the play photographers from the New York Times took pictures of the cast and of the producing staff, and also of the stage set. That of the cast will be published in the Long Island section of next Sunday's Times. Orders for mounted pictures may be given to Robert Jacobi.

The financial report of the play will be published in next week's paper.



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## RADIO NOTES

### The Lightning Arrester

In the first place there is no such thing as a lightning arrester. So far nothing has been found that can arrest lightning or even slow it up, because once started it has that pronounced "go getter" quality which always succeeds. Its success is often disastrous to the nth degree. Although the lightning arrester cannot stop lightning, it is, when properly installed in the antenna system with a suitable ground, a very great protection to the radio set as well as providing protection for the building on which it is installed, it is better than any system of lightning rods designed for the purpose.

There are several different types of arresters but those which are chiefly used today employ either air gaps or vacuum gaps. The air gap type is made up of two points five-thousandths of an inch apart, the five-thousandths of an inch being the air gap over which the lightning jumps when it hits the antenna system. The other type, the vacuum type, is also made up of two points, but these points are enclosed in a vacuum, the points varying in distance due to the degree of the vacuum.

In an electrical storm the antenna usually absorbs all the immediate discharges from the atmosphere. If the discharge is greater in potential than the radio frequency waves which pass to the receiver, the electricity jumps the gap, it being powerful enough to do so, the waves not being so powerful. This passing of discharges to the ground by jumping the gap causes a crack which we hear in the loud speaker.

The trouble derived from these types although few are found in the distance between the points. In the air gap type, if repeated discharges have crossed the gap the points are gradually burnt to such an extent that the powder of the metallic oxide joins the points causing the antenna to be connected directly to the ground. This condition is one of the sources of poor reception. In the other type there is the chance that the vacuum might be broken by rough treatment or with the result that the degree of protection is less due to the large air gap over which only the real powerful discharges will jump, thus causing excessive static. This trouble however, may be detected by loose terminals on the arrester.

For the best results the arrester should be placed outside, near the entrance of the lead-in so that the lead-in can be wrapped around the terminal of the arrester and brought to the receiver without breaks or points. A good ground is also necessary for the best results, such as a pipe of about four feet in length driven into the ground as near as possible to the arrester. The wire connecting the pipe and the arrester should be at

## BASKETBALL

### Boys' and Girls' Teams Organized

In response to Mr. Pickett's call for basketball, a large number of boys assembled in the Flower Hill gym. There were about forty in all. As this was too large a number to comfortably manage, the squad was cut down to eighteen. From so promising a group of candidates a team ought to be organized, the best material possible to represent our school. Captain Langley appeared in uniform, but was unable to play because of an injury received in football. The squad consists of Joe Marro, Bob Enscoe, Doug Miller, Harry Erb, Mickey DeMeo, Bob Markland, Louie Picardo, Dave Stone, Carl Roethgen, Ned Lovejoy, Jack Leyden, John O'Neill, Gerard Mallon, Ray Foskett, Tom Williamson, Lloyd Sinclair, and Eddie Gore.

The boys are not the only ones who ought to do well this year, because the girls organized have a promising squad. Unfortunately graduation took most of the girls who were on the team last year. It will be remembered that last season the girls outplayed Oceanside for the Nassau County championship, but lost. The main reason for the defeat was the six-player team. In the first half five players were used, which was Port's method, in the second half six players were used, according to Oceanside's method. The squad contains Marjorie Carmichael, Evelyn Mackie, Ethel Knapp, Marjorie Rice, Katie Zurliiss, Edna Keenan, Dorothy Tensh, Dorothy Williamson, Helen Leyden, Marjorie Haynes, Christie Walters, and Mildred Erb. The new squad will do its best to uphold the splendid record of last year's team.

### Bright Sayings

Mr. Pickett, explaining about fools' gold, at the time of Columbus: "You remember that, don't you, Miss Wallingford?"

"Skippy": "No, I don't remember so long ago."

Mr. Pickett: "Oh that's right, I forgot I was older than you."

Fred Hier, in English, (reading a composition on hypnotism): "Blondes are easier to hypnotize than brunettes"

Myra Grant: "Is that why gentlemen prefer blondes?"

Mr. Dimmick, speaking to Scotty, reciting in oral English class: "Never mind them, watch the sober ones over there," pointing to empty seats in the back of the room.

Miss Winter: "I see you have a free translation."

"Phil": "This is no free translation, it cost me \$1.50."

least as heavy as the antenna wire and as short as possible, for the quicker lightning is grounded the better.

## New High School Song

Tune: "Song of the Vagabonds."

Sons of Port Washington  
Will you do it or die  
And defeat the \_\_\_\_\_ High\*  
Sons of the blue and white  
Will you fight, fight and fight  
For the crown of victory  
Onward! Onward! Charge against the  
foe  
Forward! Forward! Lay your victims  
low.  
Sons of Port Washington  
On the court defeat them  
Victory for Port Washington.

## Basketball Uniforms

Basketball is now rapidly getting under way. Ten new suits have been purchased, of quite a different style from those our men have previously exhibited. The jersey of the uniforms are particularly "sporty." A big "PORT" is printed across the white front of the jersey in large blue letters, while a blue number adorns the back.

Sporty trunks of "Port" blue, with a nifty white stripe running down the sides will compose the rest of the uniform. These ten uniforms have been assigned to ten picked men who will, according to all accounts, comprise our playing team for the year.

## Books on Vocations

A few new books on occupation and preparation for occupation are in the library. These books should be of interest to all high school students. "Occupation," by Gowin and Wheatly is a general occupational survey and of interest to both boys and girls. "Women Professional Workers," by Adams is excellent and "Profitable Vocations for Girls," by Weaver is good except for the fact that it is old material. The boys who are interested in engineering will find "Tackling Tech," by Conant excellent and others will find it very useful.

## On Blue Monday Morning

The day is clear  
The time is dear  
But yet, there seems to sweep  
A cloud of gray  
And a cloud of blue  
When the teacher calls on you.  
You then get up and seem to say  
"Now, why does she call on me?"  
"She certainly must have made a  
grave mistake  
Or she surely would have called on  
Kate!"

\*Name of opponent's school.

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